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To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
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Dear EPA,

Thank you for the time and work you have put into designing a plan to clean up the dangerous pollution in the superfund area of the Portland Harbor of the Willamette River. Unfortunately, from what I have read about your preferred plan and from what I heard at the meeting I attended, I believe your Alternative I will not result in the kind of thorough long-term cleanup that Portland needs. Alternative I depends too heavily on monitored natural recovery and does not remove enough of the pollutants. We have depended on natural recovery for many years and the river is still unacceptably polluted.

I believe we need a plan like Alternative G, but with more dredging to remove more of the contaminated sediments. Then, instead of storing the dredged contaminants in onsite confined disposal facilities, where they would be near populated areas and vulnerable to damage in an earthquake or accident, the revised plan should require the polluted sediments to be transported to a facility that is certified to process and store hazardous waste.

While I support a plan that is more aggressive than Alternative G, I do not support Alternative H, which would take too long and be too expensive. Instead please adopt a plan like Alternative G with more dredging than the current Alternative G proposal and with capping with engineered caps and sand.

For the sake of those who eat fish from the Willamette and Columbia (despite warnings), for the long-term health of our river and of future generations of Portlanders, please adopt a more aggressive and effective plan than Alternative I.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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